



Primary Election Night

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

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Thank you ... and good evening my fellow Republicans!

Congratulations Doug!

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Governor of this great state for the past six years.

It is essential that we elect the best person among those running to lead.

A governor has the ability to promote and protect individual liberty, limited government, the free enterprise system, and state sovereignty.

Tonight, there is a clear choice regarding the person who is best suited to advance these principles and keep the Arizona Comeback alive.

There is only one candidate ready and able to effectively lead Arizona over the next four years. There is only one candidate who will fight federal overreach and the failed liberal policies of Barack Obama.

I stand here tonight ... and say with sincerity and honesty ... that I am pleased to pass those responsibilities on to Arizona's twenty-third Governor, Doug Ducey!

To Doug and your lovely wife, Angela, and to your wonderful sons Jack, Joe and Sam, may God bless all of you on the journey ahead. Public service is an honorable calling and you will make us proud.

To be successful, Doug will also need your love ... your support ... and your understanding in the months and years ahead as he leads the great State of Arizona.

The past six years have been some of the most difficult yet rewarding years of my life.

As I said in my last State of the State speech, I am proud to be leaving the State of Arizona in much better shape than I found her.

There is an old saying in politics, often attributed to Ronald Reagan, that somebody who agrees with you 80% of the time is a friend, not a 20% enemy.

Let me be perfectly clear: I am a friend of Doug Ducey. And I wholeheartedly support him for Arizona's next Governor!

I remember the joy and enthusiasm I felt after my own primary election in 2010. It was so exciting to tour the State with our strong Republican ticket.

On that tour was a first time candidate by the name of Doug Ducey who had just been voted in as the Republican nominee for State Treasurer.

It was great campaigning with you then, and it will be an honor to do so again, Doug.

To those fellow Republicans who fell short of gaining our Party's nomination tonight, thank you for willingness to serve ... and thank you for making our Party the Party of freedom, ideas, innovation and real change!

I ask all of you to join me in congratulating and supporting our nominees: Michele Reagan, Secretary of State; Mark Brnovich, Attorney General; Jeff DeWit, Treasurer.

Enjoy this moment, because tomorrow it will be time to hit the campaign trail again!

It is time to put the past several months aside and work as one.

Arizona cannot afford to return to 2002 and elect a liberal, big government, open borders governor.

Let's reflect on the profound words of the founder of our Republican Party Abraham Lincoln ... "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

My fellow Republicans, tonight we stand fully united with Doug Ducey.

In the spirit of Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan, let's work hard to once again achieve sweet victory for the cause of liberty and economic freedom this November.

Thank you all ... and may God Bless and protect our State and our great nation!

It is my honor to introduce the next governor of the great State of Arizona, Doug Ducey!